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SUBJ: UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE IN JULY

1. STATISTICS CANADA RELEASED ON AUGUST 10 LABOR FORCE INFORMATION FOR JULY SHOWING SEASONABLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINTS (FROM 7.0 PERCENT IN JUNE TO 7.3 PERCENT IN JULY). INCREASE ATTRIBUTED LARGELY TO SUBSTANTIAL RISE (0.8 PERCENT) IN UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN AGED 15 TO 24.

2. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT LEVEL ROSE IN JULY BY 67,000 PERSONS TO 9,602,000. PROVINCIAL EMPLOYMENT LEVEL INCREASED IN ONTARIO (BY 18,000), IN QUEBEC (BY 7,000), IN BRITISH COLUMBIA BY 5,000) AND DECREASED IN NEWFOUNDLAND (BY 3,000). OTHER PROVINCES LITTLE OR NO CHANGE.

3. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 29,000 TO 751,000 IN JULY. INCREASE OCCURRED MAINLY AMONG WOMEN (10,000 FOR WOMEN 15 TO 24 AND 11,000 FOR WOMEN 25 AND OVER). PROVINCIAL, LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN QUEBEC (BY 18,000, ONTARIO (BY 10,000), NEWFOUNDLAND (BY 4,000), BRITISH COLUMBIA (BY 4,000) AND DECREASED IN NOVA SCOTIA (BY 3,000) AND NEW BRUNSWICK (BY 2,000). OTHER PROVINCES LITTLE OR NO CHANGE.

4. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR PROVINCES IN JULY WAS: NEWFOUNDLAND 14.4 PERCENT;
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND 13.1 PERCENT; QUEBEC 8.4 PERCENT;

BRITISH COLUMBIA 9.1 PERCENT; ONTARIO 6.5 PERCENT;
MANITOBA 6.5 PERCENT; NOVA SCOTIA 9.6 PERCENT;
ALBERTA 3.9 PERCENT; NEW BRUNSWICK 10.8 PERCENT;
SASKATCHEWAN 4.5 PERCENT.

5. UNADJUSTED LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN JULY ESTIMATED
AT 10,059,000 PERSONS VERSUS 9,837,000 IN JULY 1975.
LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT WAS 775,000, OR RATE OF 7.2
PERCENT; VERSUS 709,000 AND 6.7 PERCENT LAST YEAR.
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